

# *First United Methodist News*

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*Rev. Janice Sudbrink*

*Rev. Stephen Dickinson*

*Rev. Claire Hoffman*

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*February 12, 2009*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

A local TV station carried a recent break-in at First Church on a Crime Stoppers segment last week. Yes, we were broken into. No, there was no theft. The perpetrator left when he discovered there were people in the building; no one was injured. He entered through a door that was locked. He was found on the security camera tape the next day. That door has now been addressed and made nigh-to-impossible to enter without a key. We did not announce the break-in to the church because we did not want to create alarm. We work diligently to keep the premises as safe and secure as possible. This is one of those times we get to say we live in a world of risk, and try as we might, we cannot create a risk-free environment. As for the TV segment, the church office was not contacted for permission or for advisement that it would be aired, so I apologize that you saw the segment without prior knowledge of a break-in. We will do all we can to provide a safe environment (we do lock doors during the day and cause that annoying bell to be rung for entrance and set security alarms at night) and still be as welcoming as possible. If you have questions, we will be glad to hear from you.

The work of the Church moves forward. In a season of economic recession, in a season of illnesses, in a season of moral quandary, in a season of military actions, the work of the Church moves forward.

The work of the Church moves forward in difficult seasons because people need the Lord. When life is giving us what we want, it is easy to feel self-sufficient. Harder times force us to get to the Truth that none of us is completely self-sufficient; all of us need all of us; all of us need the Lord.

The work of the Church touches people with the grace and strength of our Lord. When people turn to the Lord, the Lord is there. Ours' is to love. Ours' is to listen. Ours' is to be open and embracing. Ours' is to be the physical presence of the Lord for people as they seek.

We pray for the President and the Congress as they work on national and international matters. We pray for FUMC as we grow in effectiveness, send out mission teams, discover new ways of reaching others, deepen faith in Christ, take care of facilities, understand our neighbors, forgive our enemies, worship with passion, share when others don't understand, and live out the Christian life day to day.

Friends, this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! This is the day the Lord has made . . . and it is *the* day we have to Love the Lord with heart, mind and strength and our neighbor as ourselves . . . The work of the Church moves forward, by the splendid grace of God.

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, February 15, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Desperate Times" and his scripture text is Mark 1:40-45. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Ashtyn Marshall and Alexandra Salamone. Lay Readers are 8:30, Carol Hall, 11:00, Marcie Salamone.

Blakeley Knox will be soloist at 8:30 and 11:00 services. The Chancel Choirs anthems will be "I Choose You" by Deborah Governor and "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" by Craig Courtney.



As of Monday, February 9, 2009 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

**St. Edward:**

Paul Morrow  
Debbie Collyge

**Sparks:**

Rachel Dixon  
McKee Cox  
Vida Herrington

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$21,144  
Rec'd to date..... \$132,361  
Budgeted to date.....

**Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:** Ben Hurst, Patrick Hayes, Walt Scales, Cody Kennon, Brad Bost, Clint Wilson, , Ellen Driggers, Christopher Herrmann, Dwalyyn Clayborn, V. J. Devine, Darson Emery, Jacob Bolin, Luke Bouxsein.

**Foundation Information**

Trusts allow you to make a gift to the church in the future. You may set up the trust now, keep the income for yourself or other beneficiaries as long as you choose, or for life. The church would receive the property after that. Current income tax deductions can be available.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday, Noon Lunch, February 19, 2009,** Rev. Bobby Bell will teach Luke 10.

**Friday Morning Breakfast, February 20, 2009,** Rev. Aaron Barling will teach Genesis 6:1-22.

**The Altar Flowers**

for Sunday, February 15, are in loving memory of Wyndal Martin Goodman (1954-2003). You are always in our hearts.

Given by R.C. and Dorothy and his brothers, Cole, Joe, Charles and Robin.



Connie Smith and family on the death of her father, Edward Thomas Lichty.

Patti Treat and family on the death of her father David Westmoreland.

To the family and friends of Mrs. Chesolene Brown.

Dorothy Doville and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Rodney M. Doville.

**February's Destination Station**

**Bible Verse**

Matthew 3:17

God said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am well pleased."



**Holy Grounds Café** needs help on Sunday mornings from 8:00-10:00 a.m., once a quarter. If you would like to help out, call Robert Burris at 652-0096. Thank you.



**Baseball Sign-ups**

are underway! Deadline to sign-up is February 15 and you must be five years of age by October 1, 2009. For more information or to sign up, call Robert Burris, 652-0096 or Michael Thames, 784-3188.

**Thank you**

to David Matlock and John McOlvin for putting new siding on the CEC storage buildings and to the Boy Scouts of Troop 2 for painting them.

**Angel Food Ministry News**

If you are thinking of ordering Angel Food for yourself, or as a donation, we will take orders until 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, in the Family Life Center. There are some great specials this month.



**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

**Sponsored by the Chancel Choir**

**Tuesday, February 24**

**5:00—7 p.m.**

**\$8 Adult \$5 Child**

**Family Life Center**

**Proceeds go to Rio Bravo Mission Trip.**

**Come support our OWN missionaries!**

**Bring your partner and dance to the**

**Southside High School JAZZ BAND!**

**Fluffy pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Aromatic Bacon, Spicy Sausage Coffee, Juice, Milk**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT!**

**GET YOUR TICKETS**

**in the Narthex, on 2nd Floor or in the Family Life Center**

**each Sunday or in the church office during the week.**



This Sunday has been designated as **Holy Healthy Sunday**. Stop by the Narthex Conference room and pick up

heart healthy information and have your blood pressure checked. Glucose checks will also be done. Don't eat two hours prior to the glucose testing for the test to be accurate.

**United Methodist Women**

meet Tuesday, Feb. 11 @ 10am in the Fireside room. Twyla Brown will lead the Call to Prayer and Self Denial program. Everyone welcome.

## The Rio Bravo Mission Trip

God is already blessing our upcoming FSFUMC Rio Bravo Mission Trip. We now have 34 people committed to going on the trip. We still need 3-4 more people for construction and they do not have to be members of our church. This mission trip is not just for those who are going. This is a **FSFUMC international outreach project**. The people going are representing our church and are giving of their time to further God's Kingdom. In the next few weeks here are the needs and also ways that our church can be supportive:

- **your prayers!** Pray that God will protect the health and the time of those who have committed to going. Pray also that God will provide for all the needs of this trip.
- begin **collecting** fast food toys preferably still sealed for the children who attend the medical clinics and **Spanish coloring books and crayons**. All the patients like to receive **packaged tooth brushes, tooth paste and dental floss**.
- for those who knit and crochet, we need an abundance of the **hand made dishcloths**. Patterns in Janice's office.
- we need your **monetary support**. Cost per person is \$500. Cost of medicines in Mexico for the clinics will be \$4000 or more, cost for 2 casitas is \$4000. Estimated cost for the trip is \$25,000.
- On Sunday mornings, "**Take Stock in Rio Bravo**" stocks will be sold starting at \$10.00. These stock certificates promise to have everlasting returns for those who receive medical care and receive a new home in Mexico!

For questions or more information contact Rev Janice, Sandy Parker, David Staggs, or Lane Shipley.

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## Lenten Bible Study with our Pastors

The Pastors of FUMC will be hosting a four week study Tuesdays, beginning March 3, 12:00-1:00 p.m. This study will be held in three locations, the Family Life Center, Western Sizzlin on Towson, and Western Sizzlin on Rogers.

The four week study is based on the book "Neglected Voices". Cost of the book is \$9.00. A catered meal will be served at the church for \$8.00 and at the Western Sizzlin locations the buffet will be \$6.79 (plus drink and tax). Once you choose a location, it is recommended that you go to that location every week, as the Pastors will be moving around each week to teach the four lessons.

## The Weekday School and Children's Day Out

will begin fall registration on:

**February 25**, at 8:45 a.m. in the Narthex for those currently enrolled.

**February 26**, at 8:45 a.m. in the Narthex for church members.

**February 27**, 8:45 a.m. in the Narthex for open registration.

If you would like information about our Children's Day Out program, contact Tiffany Null, 782-0310 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday or our Weekday School, contact Christie Jacobs, 782-8855.

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## Lenten Lunches on Mondays

Once again the downtown churches will sponsor Monday Lenten Lunches. Here is the schedule:

March 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. John's - Rev. David Orr, speaker

March 9<sup>th</sup> at I.C. - Rev. Bill Galbraith, speaker

March 16<sup>th</sup> at First Pres. - Rev. Cathy Ulrich, speaker

March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Central Pres. - Rev. Marti Dalby, speaker

March 30<sup>th</sup> at First UMC - Deacon Greg Pair, speaker  
Lunch @ 11:45 & 12:45 - Service @ 12:15-12:45.

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## "Inquirers Meeting"

at the district office, Saturday, February 21, from 10:00-12:00. This is for anyone that has considered ministry and would like to attend and learn the process of candidacy, the call, and discernment.

This could be for those interested in a license to preach, going to seminary, deacons, or any type of ministry. Dee Dee Autry will be leading the session and Dr. Bobby Bell, District Superintendent, will also be there.

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## Thank You

I want to thank everyone that sent cards or expressed condolences in the recent passing of my sister, Judy Trotter. It was very much appreciated.

Jean Pence

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## Please use your offering envelopes . . .

Your contributions are keyed into our computer system from your pledge envelopes. If you do not use your envelopes we have to hand write this information. Thank you for helping us by using your pledge envelopes.

Jean Pence, Financial Secretary

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
February 8, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	3
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	5
3 yr. olds	5
4 yr. olds	10
Kindergarten	6
Grade 1	
Grade 2	23
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	23
Grade 5	
Grade 6	14
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>89</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>9</b>
College (M315)	6
Aldersgate(Room M105)	19
Believers (Room M302)	6
Builders*(RoomM209)	31
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	40
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	25
Disciples*(Room M312)	22
Discussion*(Room M301)	50
Encouragers*(Room M303)	22
Friends (Room M103)	11
Gleaners (Room M201)	30
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable (Room M213)	21
Seekers*(Room M107)	14
Uplifters*(Room M205)	37
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>346</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>448</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	115
11:00 Family Life	211
11:00 Sanctuary	315
Wed. Communion	47
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>688</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, February 15**

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 8:30-10 - Holy Healthy Sun., Conf.Rm.  
 8:30-12:30 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC  
 9:00 - Sun. School Teachers, M200  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary  
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center  
 12:00 - Created by God, Child Area  
 12:00 - Library Cmte. Meets, M211  
 5:00 - Chick Flicks, M219  
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft & Gym

**Monday, February 16**

11:30 - Intro to New Test, FLC102  
 12:00 - Finance Meets, FLC101  
 6:00 - Disciple II, M103  
 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.  
 6:30 - Disciple I, Conf. Rm.  
 6:30 - Jesus/Gospels, M200

**Tuesday, February 17**

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.  
 10:00 - UMW Meets, Fireside Rm.  
 1:30 - Archives Room Open  
 6:30 - Ballroom Dancing, Loft  
 6:30 - Down Home Mtg., M103

**Wednesday, February 18**

6 a.m. - Men's Fraternity, Gym  
 9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.  
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall  
 12:00 - WDS Board Meets, FLC102  
 12:00 - CEC Board Meets, FLC101  
 1:30 - Exercise Class, M105  
 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 5:30 - Baseball Kickoff, Gym  
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 6:00 - Disciple IV, M200  
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 19**

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex  
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC  
 12:00 - Trustees Meets, FLC102  
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.

**Friday, February 20**

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC  
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.

**Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are  
broadcast over KFPW 1230 AM.**

**Vision:**

A complete church – always under construction.

**Mission:**

Fort Smith First United Methodist Church is here to follow the Shepherd, to seek the lost, to feed the sheep, all to the glory of God.

**Rev. Stephen Dickinson  
Emergency  
on call Minister for  
February 13-15  
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